

REMARKS

I. Status of the Claims

Prior to this amendment, claims 1-14 were pending. By this amendment, claims 10-14 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer to pursue their subject matter in a continuation application. Therefore claims 1-9 are currently pending. Applicant acknowledges, with appreciation, the indication from the Examiner that claims 1-9 are allowable. As shown below, the disclosure and claims have been amended to place this case in condition for allowance.

II. Amendments to the Specification

The Examiner has objected to the disclosure for minor informalities. In particular, the Examiner correctly notes that paragraphs [00030] and [00031] of the as-filed specification are redundant. To avoid redundancy, Applicant has deleted paragraph [00031]. Thus, this reason for objection has been removed.

III. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 10-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,329,069 to Azizi et al. (Aziz). Although Applicant disagrees, in order to advance prosecution, Applicant has canceled claims 10-12. Thus, this rejection has been rendered moot.

IV. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 13 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Azizi in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,664,580 to Erikson et al. (Erikson). Although

Applicant disagrees, in order to advance prosecution, Applicant has canceled claims 13-14. Thus, this rejection has been rendered moot.

V. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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